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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Officers and N.C.N.A. Members:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of N.C.N.A.. I consider it a challenge to me, and I will approach the job with pride and determination.

The 1977 Convention in Wilmington was a great success. Our congratulations go to: Lonnie Stewart Russ Southworth, Ted Hendrick, Thomas and Jeanne Blackham, Autence Bason, and to all the other individuals who worked so hard. Many thanks go to our editor, John Latham, for his fine work.

Our editor has a great responsibility. Let us help him by writing about your club accomplishments and activities, your individual experiences, and what inspired you to collect and why.

We want to encourage dealers to place ads in the Journal, and encourage our members to patronize the dealers. We need each other. Visit your local coin dealer often and take a friend. You will be surprised sometimes at what they will purchase!

Today, in our world of numismatics, we need to get more people interested. I feel compelled to quote an advertisement from COIN WORLD which states it so well:

NUMISMATICS IS FOR THE FAMILY

Maintaining and displaying the collection can provide many hours of family entertainment that is educational and fun. The next step in collecting is to locate a local coin club to join; they will welcome your family and provide much guidance on what and how to collect. Providing for the future is always a main concern for parents and collecting numismatics is a good way to help attain that goal, while

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SUMMATION OF N.C.N.A. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND BOARD MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 15TH-16TH

Membership Meeting (Oct. 15, 1978)

Mr. John J. Pittman, was introduced by President Lonnie D. Stewart, and was requested to make a few remarks. Mr. Pittman, an ANA Governor, discussed meetings in Washington concerning a possible commemorative coinage, and possible issue of special commemorative coins for the 1980 Olympics which will be held in Lake Placid, N.Y.. He requested N.C.N.A. support by having the Board write N.C. Congressmen and Senators to approve such legislation.

Mr. J.W.B. Bason reported that the Historical Committee was making good progress on the book project but additional time is required before completion.

Mr. Russell E. Southworth reported that the By-Laws Committee was reviewing existing By-Laws and would make appropriate recommendations for changes prior to the next Convention.

Mr. Dan Talbert suggested changes in the term of office for Directors, and this suggestion was referred to the By-Laws & Resolutions Committee. A similar suggestion that Directors be elected from specific geographic areas of the State was also referred to that committee.

Mr. Latham reported on the status of the JOURNAL and requested the Board and Membership to determine if publication should be continued because of lack of support by membership, lack of advertising, etc.. Mr. Cary Gilbert moved that the Journal be continued and that the Board of Directors take what measures were necessary to pay the cost of publication. This was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. J.W.B. Bason announced that he and his wife Autence wished to add a monetary award to go with the placque given annually as the Bason Literary Award. Mr. Pittman moved that N.C.N.A. accept the Bason's generous gift, and that a $50 Savings Bond be awarded with the Placque beginning in 1978. This was approved.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

A question that must soon be addressed by every coin club in North Carolina is: Should there be an admission charge for coin shows?

Traditionally and actually, expenses and profits of coin shows are derived from the revenues of rentals of bourse tables to dealers, selling tickets for a gold coin or other numismatic item (generally called a contribution to avoid violation of lottery laws), and revenues from the concession stand. Profits are used to carry out various club projects. In my limited experience, the primary club project appears to be the providing of a free Christmas party and dinner for club members, the vast majority of whom did little if any work to put on the coin show, seldom attended meetings, but are always present for a free feed.

Those of us who live in large cities are finding it more and more difficult to find an easily accessible location, with ample parking, and space for accomodating 35-40 dealers, that can be rented for a nominal cost to put on a coin show. We are also faced with rapid increases in security costs, advertising costs, and the myriad other expenses of putting on a show. For example, the rental of a room, in a motel just off an Interstate, is approximately $300-500 per day, and security costs range from $7.50-$10.00 per hour. Frankly, having a better location is not a matter of concern if our major purpose is to put on the Christmas feed. We can continue to put on shows in underground parking garages, gymnasiums complete with athletic endeavor aromas, antiquated armories with bad lighting, and crowded rooms in recreation centers. It is not unusual for clubs to issue maps so that visitors can find the location of the show.

If our purpose is to attract new people to our hobby then we must relocate shows and exhibitions from the minimum locations currently used to locations that will enhance the beauty and value of our interests. We must attract a clientele that relates the value

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THE PATTERN COINS AT THE HIGH POINT MUSEUM

(Editor's Note: Last Summer the JOURNAL published a short article on an exhibit of pattern coins in the High Point Museum. We were informed that the lender of the collection wished to remain anonymous and it was stated in our article that we hoped he would read the Journal and give us more information. This has occurred, and the following article gives our readers an interesting and inspirational story. The author prefers to remain anonymous, but those of you who are interested in patterns may write him in care of the JOURNAL, and I will forward all letters. He is most interested in contacting other pattern collectors. The High Point exhibit will be expanded by the end of January. If I have interpreted the author's letter to me correctly, the following patterns (by Judd Number), all choice or gem proofs, will be exhibited: In "God Our Trust" mottoe, J-277, J-278, J-285, J-287, J-312-B; "God and Our Country" mottoe, J-310; "In God We Trust" mottoe, J-316, 337, J-342, J-346, J-399, J-504, J-549; and "Deo Est Gloria" mottoe, J-1617. The article follows):

Recently obtaining a copy of the Summer 1977 issue of the NCNA Journal, I was pleased to see the write-up of the "In God We Trust" exhibit at the High Point Museum, and intrigued by the writer's request for information about "how and why". Especially at a time when the motto is being attacked by atheists, it is a pleasure to share these details since God not only exists but is worthy of our complete trust, both individually and as a nation.

Nine years ago, however, I did not know that. I developed an "urge" to put together a set of 3 coins and patterns showing the different "God" mottoes, "God Our Trust", "God and Our Country", and, "In God We Trust". Recognizing that my life style was incompatible with God, if He existed, I resisted this urge for some time. Unable to shake it, I began to look for and almost immediately located those three pieces, one of which was of such rarity that I did not notice another offered for sale for nearly 7 years. About one year later my wife and I both ex-

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enjoying the pursuit the family will be building a collection that could, if needed, provide financial help."

I want to mention that our next N.C.N.A. Convention will be in Charlotte, N.C., October 13,14,15, 1978. Why not plan a couple of days vacation and bring the family while enjoying the show? There will be many things to do and places to go both before and after the show.

REMEMBER THIS: Teaching youngsters to love and enjoy the hobby as we do will make certain that in the future our hobby will be stronger and better than ever!

A Happy New Year to you all!

James W. Little,
President, N.C.N.A.

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A MESSAGE TO NCNA MEMBERS FROM LONNIE D. STEWART

Thank you for electing me to serve as your 1st Vice President in 1978. An important part of my duties is to serve as Membership Chairman for N.C.N.A.. I really wanted this job because I feel confident that every member will help me by signing up at least one new member. If you have not paid your 1978 Dues I suggest that you send them along with a new membership application--if you do not have one just look on the back cover of this issue of the JOURNAL.

We all know that any organization is only as strong as its members. We are a part of a small State, and it is very possible that we will never be the largest State numismatic association, but I cannot think of any reason for us not being the strongest and best state organization in the U.S.A.. To do this we must double our membership, so lets all go to work real hard. Don't just be a member, but be an active working member. We can then have an organization we can all be proud of, and proud that we were an active part in making it that!

I request that each Member Club appoint a representative to N.C.N.A. for the purpose of signing up new members within our local clubs. The representatives can also keep the Club and its members up-to-date on what goes on in N.C.N.A.. We can accomplish goals better by working as a team, so lets work together!

By working together we can have a stronger "regional organization" and a stronger N.C.N.A., or state organization. I am sure it will strengthen the power of our local clubs and increase the enjoyments of all collectors to the fullest. We must be more concerned with our Junior members and collectors. They are our future Dealers and leaders, and our best hope for a clean and decent hobby in the years to come. We have a great hobby to enjoy, so lets get together and enjoy our hobby as a team. We will have a sure winner. My slogan for this year is: "You sign up a new member and I will sign up mine, together we will double our membership in Nineteen Seventy-Nine!"Send your suggestions to: Lonnie D. Stewart, 1940 Darian Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107

CALENDAR OF SHOWS

January 29, 1978

Carolina World Coin Association Fifth Annual Foreign Coin Show at Lewis Recreation Center off Pisgah Church Road, Greensboro, N.C., from Noon until 6 PM. Bourse Chairman: Clarence Symes, Box 427, Vass, N.C. 28394

February 10,11,12, 1978

Charlotte Coin Club Coin Show at Charlotte Merchandise Mart, 2500 East Independence Blvd., Charlotte, N.C. Bourse Information: D.G. Sharpe, Box 2693, Charlotte, N.C. 28234 Exhibits

February 25,26, 1978

Albemarle Coin Club Show, Holiday Inn, Highway 17-S Elizabeth City, N.C.. Bourse Chairman: A. R. Rutz, P.O. Box 556, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909 Exhibits

March 4,5, 1978

Cumberland County Coin Club, Eutaw Shopping Center, McNairy Building, Fayetteville, N.C..
Bourse Chairman: Chas. Kimball, 3705 Florida Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301 Exhibits

April 7,8,9, 1978

Lower Cape Fear River Coin Club Show, Elks Club, 5102 Oleander Drive, Wilmington, N.C.. Bourse Chairman: Bill Howard, 5512 S. College Road, Wilmington, N.C. 28403 Exhibits

April 29, 30, 1978

Greensboro Coin Club Show, Friendly Shopping Center Auditorium, West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, N.C. Bourse Chairman: J.W.B. Bason, P.O. Box 20623, Greensboro, N.C. 27420 No Exhibits

May 6,7, 1978

Winston-Salem Coin Club Show, Sprague St.Recreation Center, Winston-Salem, N.C.. Bourse Chairman: Curtis McHargue, P.O. Box 10138, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27108

HAPPY N.C.N.A CONVENTION EXHIBIT WINNERS PROUDLY DISLAY AWARDS AT N.C.N.A. WITH ANA GOVERNOR JOHN PITTMAN AIDING & ABETTING

N.C.N.A. BOARD MEMBERS AT WORK AT CONVENTION (L to R) Jackson, Michael, Little, Bason, Hendrick, Finnell

TED HENDRICK PRESENTS NCNA APPRECIATION AWARD TO JEANNE & TOM BLACKHAM OF WILMINGTON FOR A SUPERIOR JOB AS CONVENTION CHAIRPERSONS

EXHIBIT CHAIRWOMAN AUTENCE BASON PRE-BEST-IN-SHOW AWARD TO J. VERNON EPPS AT N.C.N.A. ANNUAL CONVENTION

N.C. 6TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN RICHARDSON PREYER PLAYS THE SAX FOR HIS SUPPER AT THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF GREENSBORO COIN CLUB

GREENSBORO COIN CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1978 (from bottom to top) PETER MCCUISTON, TREAS. AUTENCE BASON VIOLA BRAXTON, PRES. DON WEILER, V-PRES. AL WARD, SEC. JERRY ROUGHTON (w/beard), JOHN LATHAM, and RUSSELL SOUTHWORTH (Ed. Note: There are more Directors but these were the best looking!)

N.C.N.A. MEMBER CLUB DIRECTORY

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Western Carolina Coin Club
Meeting Day: 2nd Thursday
Location: West Asheville Community Center
Time: 8:00 PM
Officers: Pres. Herschel C. Sutton
Sec. Mrs. Mary Sellers
Treas. Charles Hawkins

GREENSBORO, N.C.

Greensboro Coin Club, Box 20263, Greensboro, NC 27420
Meeting Day: 1st Monday (if Holiday, 2nd Monday)
Location: Lewis Recreation Center
Time: 7:30 PM
Officers: Pres. Don Weiler
VP Allen Ward
Sec. Jerry Roughton
Treas. Mrs. Autence Bason

THOMASVILLE, N.C.

Liberty Coin Club, Box 555, Thomasville, N.C. 27360
Meeting Day: 2nd Saturday
Location: Thomasville Recreation Dept. (Old Post Office Building)
Time: 7:30 PM
Officers: Pres. Elwood Skeen
VPres. Vonn Shaw
Sec-Treas. Sybil B. Lohr

JACKSONVILLE, N.C.

Camp LeJeune-Jacksonville Coin Club
P.O. Box 1313, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540
Meeting Day: 2nd Tuesday
Location: City Hall Time: 7:30 PM
Officers: Pres. Howard Johnson
VPres. Gerry Kammerer
Sec. David D. Porter
Treas. Claude Nelson

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SWANSBORO, N.C.

Swansboro High School Coin and Stamp Club
P.O. Box 971, Swansboro, N.C. 28584
Meeting Day: Friday of Third Full Week each Month
Location: Room 7, Swansboro High School
Time: 1:00 PM
Officers: None

WILMINGTON, N.C.

Lower Cape Fear Coin Club
P.O. Box 1312, Wilmington, N.C. 28402
Meeting Day: 2nd Wednesday of each month
Location: Carolina Savings & Loan Board Room, 3rd St.
Time: 7:30 P.M.
Officers: Pres. H. Fred Simpson, Jr.
VPres. Joseph Knowles
Sec. Dorothy Cocke
Treas. John Clayton, Jr.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

Winston-Salem Coin Club, P.O. Box 10138, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27108
Meeting Day: 2nd Tuesday of each month
Location: Sprague St. Recreation Center
Time: 7:30 PM
Officers: Pres. Lonnie D. Stewart
VPres. Peter McCuiston
Sec. Betty Little
Treas. James W. Little

(Note: ALL NCNA Member Clubs were requested to send the JOURNAL the foregoing information. Those listed in this issue were those the JOURNAL received prior to going to press)

PROMISES, PROMISES

To all those good N.C.N.A. Members who promised to send me articles for publication, while I was at the Convention, THANKS. Apparently, the U.S. Postal Service lost all of them. Sorry about that!

THE EDITOR

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perienced what Jesus told Nicodemus (John 3:3) and we knew God existed. He has since shown that He involves Himself in everyday affairs, even numismatics. Some coins were obtained in "routine" ways but others were put in my path under circumstances that defied coincidence and, in retrospect, it seems clear that the collecting has been supervised by God. Over the ensuing years, the collection gradually expanded to 7 pieces by 1974 and 10 pieces by early 1976. Sharing the frustration of all collectors who must keep the things that should be shared locked away in a bank, I began to work toward a possible public exhibit. In 1976, the collection was semi-permanently loaned to the fine High Point Museum on an anonymous basis so that any awe or praise that might result will be directed to God and not to man.

A tape recording narrates the "In God We Trust" story and explains the significance of each item on display. These items have been brought together in N.C. from twelve other states and include pieces from the collection of King Farouk of Egypt, Matthew Rothert, Dr. J. Hewitt Judd, John Work Garrett-Johns Hopkins University, and the recent Fairfield sale. Extensive additions and upgradings have been made since the exhibit opened. It now includes the famous Libertas American medals in both bronze (estimated 200 extant) and silver (estimated 20 extant), one of the first pieces of U.S. currency ever printed with the motto (1957 $1 Silver Certificate number A00000076A), one of every U.S. stamp design to carry the motto, and 14 patterns. Of these, 8 are Rarity-6 (13-30 made) and 5 are Rarity-7 (4-12 made). The remaining pattern is the 1864 Dollar, with motto, struck in nickel that is the only such piece made.

The High Point Museum is located at 1805 E. Lexington Avenue.. Admission is free and it is open selected hours on weekends as well as weekdays.

(EDITORS NOTE: North Carolinians are fortunate indeed to have the opportunity to view a collection such as this, so please go to view it!)

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The Secretary read a letter from the Greensboro Coin Club, which suggested that the N.C.N.A. take actions resulting in appropriate display of the Bechtler Gold Coins and other numismatic items at the North Carolina Museum of History. No specific action was taken on the suggestion.

N.C.N.A. Board Meeting (October 15, 1977)

The Secretary read and the Board approved the minutes of the last meeting of the Board.

Mr. Southworth gave a brief report on the financial status of N.C.N.A..

The Chairman of the Elections Committee announced the results of the election for Officers and Board Members of N.C.N.A.. (See inside front cover).

Mr. Ted Hendricks moved to have the Board present Mr. Latham with an Honorarium of $150.00 for his work on the JOURNAL. This was seconded and duly approved. (Editors Note: All contributions whether cash, ads, articles, and letters, are gratefully received by the Editor).

N.C.N.A. Board Meeting (October 16, 1977)

President James W. Little appointed Mr. David Porter to fill the Board vacancy occassioned by the death of Mr. Earl Garner, of New Bern, N.C., and would hold that vacancy until the next election.

President Little appointed Mr. Ted Hendricks as the Director of Conventions for the 1978 Convention to be held in Charlotte, N.C., on October 13,14,15, of 1978,

Mr. Hendricks moved that the bourse fee for the three day convention be raised to $75.00 per table to offset the increased cost of the convention sited. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bason and approved.

Mr. James Jackson suggested that N.C.N.A. establish a library for the benefit of the membership. President Little appointed Mr. Dan Talbert to study the matter and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Several items were deferred until the next meeting.

BECHTLER GOLD OF NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY NO SHOW AT N.C.N.A. SHOW

North Carolinians and out-of-state visitors who had anticipated viewing the N.C. Museum of History collection of Bechtler Gold, as advertised in the NCNA JOURNAL, COIN WORLD, and NUMISMATIC NEWS prior to the October Convention, were sorely disappointed. The Museum cancelled out at the last minute. The people of North Carolina and numismatists in particular, once again lost an opportunity to see the collection for which the Museum paid $270,000.

On September 13th, Keith D. Strawn, Curator of Collections for the N.C. Museum of History, accepted the invitation of Convention Exhibit Chairperson Autence Bason to exhibit some Bechtler coins at the Convention. On September 21st, Mr. Strawn requested a lockable display case for use at the Convention, and Mrs. Bason answered him on September 26th that a case would be furnished, and that security would be provided round-the-clock. On October 11th, Mr. Strawn wrote Mrs. Bason stating that the Museum would not attend the Convention because "we were not able to get the special overnight security we had understood would be available."

Mrs. Bason and other N.C.N.A. officials stated that they had not been advised by Mr. Strawn of any special security requirements. A telephone call to Mr. Strawn revealed that, according to Mr. Strawn, the Museum's insurance carriers required that the coins be stored in a vault overnight. Since no banks were open on the week-end, members of the Wilmington Coin Club located a private vault where the coins could be stored, and Mr. Strawn was so advised. Mr. Strawn still refused to attend, with the result that the State collection was not shown.

N.C.N.A. officials noted that the week-end of the Convention coincided with the opening of the N.C. State Fair and the annual football game between N.C. State and the University of N.C., in Raleigh, N.C., where Mr. Strawn lives and the Museum is located.

ANA Governor John Jay Pittman filled the void, however, by displaying his personal Bechtler coins!

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of an article to its surroundings or, at least, surroundings that do not detract from it. Certainly, exhibitors, who spend so much time, effort, and love in preparing their exhibits, are entitled to place them where they can be admired by the greatest number of people.

There is a limit to the amount dealers can pay for bourse space. There is a limit to the number of chances that can be sold for door prizes. But there is no limit to the inflationary spiral in costs today. Rising costs can only be offset by increasing income at coin shows. The most viable method to increase income is to have an admission charge. Some of my fellow coin dealers say folks will never pay to get in a coin show because they never had to pay in the past. Yet those same folks go to free flea markets and pay to get in those that charge. They pay to go to antique shows, bazaars, rod and gun shows, turkey shoots, art shows, and performances by the high school band. If coin shows have something to offer that people are interested in, why would they not pay a modest admission fee?

Perhaps the Governors of N.C.N.A. will discuss this during the coming year. Perhaps all N.C.N.A. Member Clubs could agree on a policy for admission to coin shows that would be statewide in application, thus deleting criticism. The objective is not to gouge the public, but to put on better shows in better locations, and thus upgrade our hobby!

SENATORIAL CANDIDATE COLLECTS COINS

Luther H. Hodges, Jr., a candidate for the Senate in the Democratic Primary in 1978, informed the JOURNAL that he had purchased Proof Sets for his children for many years. He further stated that while as a child traveling with his father overseas during the former Governor's tenure as Secretary of Commerce, he collected a number of foreign coins. He admits, however, that he could not be called a serious collector but anticipates that some day he will have the time to take a greater interest.

N.C.N.A. CONVENTION AWARDS

Exhibit award winners and foot soldiers of N.C.N.A.s 19th Annual Convention were guests of the Officers and Board Members at a delightful buffet breakfast the final day of the Convention. Beautiful trophies and placques were given for:

Best In Show	J. Vernon Epps
Superior	R. E. Southworth Oliver Carter Perley H. Hargraves
Outstanding	G. G. Finnell H. Fred Simpson Edna Lewis Howard Johnson
Meritorius	Linwood Lewis J. H. Anderson
JR. Best in Show	Mark Little
2ND. Junior	Leah Epps
Convention Co-Chairmen	Jeanne Blackham Thomas Blackham
Exhibit Chairwoman	Autence Bason
Bourse Chairman	Ted Hendrick

Receiving a gavel in appreciation of his services was Past President Lonnie Stewart.

A group photograph of the exhibit award winners appears on the centerfold of this issue.

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